

spirited man was part of all our lives and resides in all our hearts."

Madam Speaker, I echo Joyce Goldfield's words. Duane Irving was a special man who knew how to direct his spirit and generosity when he saw he could make a difference for so many. His legacy is an inspiration to us all.

HONORING PHILLIP T. EASTMAN

HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Phillip T. Eastman, who passed away on July 29th of this year.

Mr. Eastman was born on August 2, 1932 and worked on his family's dairy farm as a child. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from Cornell University and his Master's Degree from the State University of New York at Albany.

Mr. Eastman honorably served in the United States Army during the Korean War, and upon his return, became a teacher and guidance counselor. He retired in 1989 from the New Hartford School District as the Director of Pupil Personnel Services.

Mr. Eastman was a tremendous asset to his community, as he dedicated his time and effort to helping others. He served as President of the New Hartford School Board, and as a member of my Veterans Advisory Committee. Mr. Eastman volunteered countless hours in assisting my office in evaluating hundreds of applicants for military academy nominations.

Mr. Eastman enjoyed playing golf and working in his wood shop, but he cherished nothing more than spending time with his family, especially at their camp in Cooperstown.

Madam Speaker, I call on my colleagues to join me in recognizing the great life and contributions of Mr. Phillip T. Eastman. Our country and community is a better place because of Phil's character, kindness and commitment to helping others. He will truly be missed.

HONORING A CAREER OF SERVICE AND SACRIFICE BY MR. ROBERT J. WINCHESTER

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American and a great friend, Bob Winchester, who has served our country in uniform and as a dedicated member of our intelligence community for more than three decades. Bob is officially retiring this week from his post at the Pentagon where he has served in many positions but most recently as the face of U.S. Army Intelligence.

Bob has distinguished himself and brought honor to the Army through his exceptionally meritorious service to the Defense Department, the Intelligence Community (IC), and the Nation during a career that has spanned more than 36 years. And in recognition for his service, he will receive our government's highest honors for civil service from the Defense Department and the Director of National Intelligence.

Bob has consistently epitomized the consummate Military Intelligence professional even through the last nine years of increasingly demanding and critical leadership challenges.

Though he recently culminated his career of service as the Military Intelligence Portfolio Manager for the Office of Congressional Liaison, that post tells only part of the story of Bob's long career.

Well known and well respected, Bob spent 26 years as the face of Army Intelligence on Capitol Hill and as a trusted confidante for ten heads of the Army intelligence branch.

His long list of achievements and contributions are as varied as they were crucial. In the wake of the Iran Contra scandal in the 1980s, Bob was a key architect in developing legislation that changed the way our intelligence apparatus operated. He was called upon again in the wake of the Abu Ghraib prison scandal to answer tough questions about our intel programs in Iraq and work with Congress to reshape our military interrogation program. He was at the forefront of Army and Defense Department intelligence policy and execution. His experience and intellect were recognized, sought, and leveraged as a subject-matter expert within the Army, DoD, and the broader U.S. Intelligence Community.

A lawyer and proud graduate of Temple University's Beasley School, Bob provided expert advice on Intelligence Law long before Congress fully considered the ramifications of conflicting intel priorities. He engineered the process of Congressional oversight of intelligence activities, worked intricately on the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 and was frequently and regularly called upon by my colleagues for testimony at Congressional hearings. He has also served as advisor and support staff to numerous military commanders during their testimony before the House and Senate Armed Service and Intelligence committees.

But Bob was also a teacher and a mentor. For many years, the nation's youngest and brightest intel officers have studied under Bob's tutelage before taking up assignments throughout the Army staff or on Capitol Hill as Congressional Fellows.

Bob was also a professor who has shared his broad wealth of experience to better the whole of the Army. He has been a regular instructor at the Military Intelligence Battalion and Brigade Pre-Command Course that has shaped generations of Military Intelligence commanders and Command Sergeants Major. He has also been a frequent speaker at courses for young officers and enlisted personnel, preparing Military Intelligence leaders to succeed in engagements on the battlefield and in the halls of Congress. In this respect, Bob remains a strong and tireless professional.

Bob was instrumental in the establishment of critical intel programs which continue to pay huge dividends in the current fight. His efforts, particularly on Counterintelligence and Human Intelligence programs, include the introduction of advanced biometrics collection and establishment of the Human Intelligence Training Joint Center of Excellence that is housed at Fort Huachuca in my District.

As a result of Bob's vision and persistence, the Army has increased its Counter-intel and HUMINT capability by threefold, and that trend continues.

For more than a quarter century, Bob's tireless energy and enthusiasm has facilitated deep-rooted and trusting relationships between the Army and Congress. And through his hard work and determination, he has been an integral part of shaping the Army's most critical Intelligence requirements during wartime and peacetime.

As the Army seeks ways to fill the gap created by Bob's retirement, they have found it takes more than one young officer to keep up with the daily routine he so aptly maintained for so long. Bob's legacy of service and innumerable contributions to the Army, the Intelligence Community and the United States will be long-lasting and immeasurable.

I am proud to not only count him as a friend, but also honored to represent him as a constituent.

Thank you so much, Bob, and enjoy your retirement.

IN HONOR OF MR. DOMINIC CALABRO

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. BOYD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Mr. Dominic Calabro of Tallahassee, Florida, who is in his thirtieth year of public service with Florida TaxWatch, the statewide, nonpartisan, nonprofit government watchdog and research institute that has served the taxpayers of my home State of Florida for more than three decades.

Mr. Calabro was first hired as a Senior Research Analyst for Florida TaxWatch in 1980, promoted to Executive Director in 1982, and has served as the CEO of TaxWatch since 1986. He has guided the growth of TaxWatch into a dynamic, influential organization dedicated to improving government productivity and taxpayer value through research and civic engagement. TaxWatch recommendations, approximately 70 percent of which have been adopted by Florida's government, have saved billions of dollars for Florida taxpayers.

In addition to identifying and working to improve government spending in the public interest, Mr. Calabro and TaxWatch are the key players in the annual Prudential-Davis Productivity Awards, a nationally unique public-private partnership that recognizes and rewards exceptional Florida state employees whose innovative work measurably increases productivity and saves taxpayer money.

Mr. Calabro's hard work and dedication has helped Florida TaxWatch earn and maintain the respect of the state's most highly regarded and influential leaders, as well respect of the citizens of Florida and the state and national media. Mr. Calabro has received numerous honors and awards, including being named by the National Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of Ten Outstanding Young Americans for 1994, and during this same period, many Florida TaxWatch recommendations have served as the impetus for important changes to Florida budgetary and taxation policy, including the Taxpayers Bill of Rights of 1992, the Government Performance Accountability Act of 1994, the complete phase-out of the Intangibles Tax, and a recent Government Cost Savings Task Force that so far has saved the